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NEW JERSEY DELEGATE SELECTION PLAN FOR THE 1996 DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

SUMMARY

New Jersey has a total of 120 delegates and 17 alternates.

New Jersey Democrats will use a two-part primary system to choose 67 District-Level Delegates and 11 Alternates on Tuesday, June 4, 1996. These delegates and alternates will be elected in 20 special election districts created by pairing the state's 40 Legislative Districts. In addition, on June 15, 1996, a State Convention consisting of District-Level Delegates and the 104 members of the New Jersey Democratic State Committee will meet to select 23 At-Large Delegates and 6 At-Large Alternates.

They will also vote for 14 Pledged Party Leader and Public Elected Official Delegates (PLEOs). This year, all 7 members of the Democratic National Committee residing in New Jersey will be convention delegates.

DISTRICT-LEVEL DELEGATES

- * 67 district-level delegates and 11 alternates shall be elected by a Presidential preference primary on June 4, 1996.
- * Any registered Democrat can qualify as a candidate by filing a statement of candidacy and pledge of support for a presidential candidate by March 18, 1996 with the New Jersey Democratic State Committee, 150 West State Street, Trenton, New Jersey 08608.
- * Any registered Democrat can run as an uncommitted by fulfilling the same requirements as all other presidential preferences (see above).
- * All delegate and alternate slates approved by presidential candidates, or their representative(s), must then file a single petition bearing the names

of 100 persons eligible to participate in the Democratic Party's primary election with the Secretary of State at least 54 days prior to the primary election (on or before April 11, 1996).

- * The ballot shall be constructed so that voters in the Democratic Primary must first pull a lever to select their choice from among those qualifying Candidates for President and then pull additional levers on the same column or line to select each delegate and alternate respectively. (*Rule 11.G.*)
- * District-level delegates and alternates have been allocated as per Attachment I.
- * Delegates were apportioned according to a formula giving equal weight to the average vote for the Democratic candidates in the 1988 and 1992 presidential elections and to Democratic Party registration or enrollment as of January 1, 1996. (*Rule 7.A.*)*
**Because the Democratic Party registration as of January 1, 1996 is necessarily unknown at this time, the district delegate and alternate allocations may change slightly.
- * The total New Jersey delegation will be equally divided between men and women and alternate men and women. These goals apply to the delegation as a whole, district-level delegates as a category, and to individual districts.(See Attachment II) (*Rule 6.I.*)

UNPLEDGED PARTY AND UNPLEDGED ADD-ON DELEGATES

- * The following are the only delegates allowed to attend the convention with unpledged status: (*Rule 8.A.*)
 - * The seven members of the Democratic National Committee residing in New Jersey.
 - * All of New Jersey's Democratic Members of the U.S. House of Representatives and U.S. Senate.
 - * The two (2) unpledged add-on delegates.

PLEDGED PARTY LEADER AND ELECTED OFFICIAL DELEGATES (PLEOs)

- * New Jersey is entitled to 14 delegates in this category. They will be chosen according to the following priority: big city mayors (cities of more than 250,000 population), state-wide elected officials, state legislative leaders, and other state, county, and local elected officials and party leaders. (*Reg. 4.13. & Rule 8.C.(1).*)
- * The 14 delegates will be selected at a convention consisting of all newly-elected district-level delegates and all 104 members of the New Jersey Democratic State Committee. A vote shall be conducted and the above mentioned must show proper credentials in order for that person to be permitted to cast a vote. Forty percent (40%) of all eligible delegates and members shall constitute a quorum for any business pertaining to the selection of convention delegates and alternates. (*Rule 14.*)
- * A person can qualify as a candidate in this category by filing a statement of candidacy and pledge of support for a presidential candidate by June 14, 1996 with the New Jersey Democratic State Committee. These slots will be allocated among Presidential Preference on the same basis as the at-large delegates. No alternates will be selected in this category.

AT-LARGE DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES

- * New Jersey is entitled to 23 delegates and 6 alternates.
- * Persons seeking at-large delegate or alternate positions may file a statement of candidacy designating their presidential or uncommitted preference and a signed pledge of support for the presidential candidates (including uncommitted status) with the state party by 5:00PM June 10, 1996.
- * These 14 delegates will be chosen by the same convention and rules which selected the PLEO delegates.
- * The convention will take place at 12:00 P.M. in Trenton on June 15, 1996.
- * The votes for the at-large delegates will be allocated according to presidential preferences according to the state-wide primary vote.

ATTACHMENT II:

DISTRICT-LEVEL DELEGATE AND ALTERNATE BREAKDOWN

District	District (Paired LDs)	Delegates			Alternates		
		Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
01	01 & 02	1	2	3	0	0	0
02	03 & 04	2	1	3	0	0	0
03	05 & 06	2	2	4	1	0	1
04	07 & 08	1	2	3	0	1	1
05	09 & 30	2	1	3	0	0	0
06	10 & 11	1	2	3	0	0	0
07	12 & 13	2	1	3	0	0	0
08	14 & 15	2	2	4	1	0	1
09	16 & 23	1	2	3	0	0	0
10	17 & 18	2	1	3	0	1	1
11	19 & 20	2	2	4	1	0	1
12	21 & 22	1	2	3	0	1	1
13	24 & 25	1	1	2	0	0	0
14	26 & 27	2	2	4	1	0	1
15	28 & 29	2	2	4	0	1	1
16	31 & 33	2	2	4	1	0	1
17	32 & 36	2	2	4	0	1	1
18	34 & 35	2	1	3	0	0	0
19	37 & 38	2	2	4	1	0	1
20	39 & 40	1	2	3	0	0	0
Total		20	33	34	67	6	5
							11

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GENERAL PROVISIONS

- * Delegates and alternates elected to the National Convention pledged to a presidential candidate shall in good conscience reflect the sentiments of those who elected them.
- * An alternate may replace a delegate provided that the alternate is of the same presidential preference as the delegate being replaced, and to the extent possible, he/she shall be of the same sex and from the same political subdivision as the delegate. The delegation shall have the power to name the replacements for all delegates.

PRESIDENTIAL RIGHT OF APPROVAL

- * The State Democratic Chairman shall convey to the presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s) a list of all persons who have filed for delegate or alternate pledged to that presidential candidate.
- * Each presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), must then file with the State Democratic Chair, a list of all such candidates he or she has approved. The presidential candidate, or the authorized representative(s), may approve a number of delegates or alternates allocated to the district. (*Rule 11.E.(1)*. & *Rule 11.G.*)

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION SUMMARY

Full Participation:

- * The Democratic Party of New Jersey has developed the following plan to encourage full participation and representation in the delegate selection process.

Priority Groups:

- * Special effort will be made to encourage Black, Hispanic, Native Americans, Asian/Pacific Americans, women, youths, persons over 65 years of age, the handicapped, and other individuals from all ethnic and financial backgrounds to achieve full participation in the delegate selection process at all levels.(See Attachment IV)

No Quotas:

- * This goal shall not be accomplished either directly or indirectly by the party's imposition of mandatory quotas at any level of the delegate selection process.

Timetable:

- * Implementation of the Affirmative Action Plan will begin on September 15, 1995 and continue throughout the end of the process.

Organizational Structure:

- * An Affirmative Committee was created on February 6, 1995 and be responsible for the implementation of all requirements of the Affirmative Action section of this plan. The committee will consist of members from each delegate district representing the groups included above.** (See Attachment V)

**The Affirmative Action and Speaker Bureau committees will remain open to include any individual who would like to be involved in the process. Please feel free to contact the State Committee if interested.

- * Financial support and staff for the Affirmative Action Committee will be provided by the New Jersey Democratic State Committee to the greatest extent feasible.

Workshops:

- * Well publicized educational workshops will be conducted in each of the delegate districts beginning in September 1995. These workshops will be designed to encourage participation in the delegate selection process, including apprising potential delegate candidates of the availability of financial assistance. These workshops will be held in places which are easily accessible to the handicapped. The times, dates, places, and rules for the conduct of all education workshops, meetings, and other events involved in the delegate selection process will be effectively publicized by the party organization and included mailings to various organizations representative of the voting populace.

Speakers Bureau

- * A speakers bureau of volunteers from the committee comprised of individuals who are fully familiar with the process, will be

organized to appear before groups as needed, to provide information concerning the process.

Voter Registration

- * The state party will take all feasible steps to encourage persons to register and to vote as Democrats and will seek to insure simple and easy registration procedures.

Representation Goals

- * The state party has determined the demographic composition of Blacks, Hispanics, Native Americans, and Asian/Pacific Americans in the Democratic electorate in the State. These constituency percentages shall be established as goals for representation in the State's convention delegation. (See Attachment IV)
- * Presidential candidates are obligated to assist in achieving the affirmative action goals.

At-Large Demographics

- * When selecting the at-large portion of the delegation, the district-level delegate demographic composition shall be compared with the state party's goals in order to achieve an at-large selection process which helps to bring about a representative balance. Priority consideration will be given to women, Blacks, Hispanics, Native Americans, and Asian/Pacific Americans in the selection of the at-large delegation.
- * The State Party shall communicate with national presidential campaign committees and state presidential campaign committees as organized to facilitate achievement of the demographic goals set forth in Attachment IV.

ATTACHMENT I:
DELEGATION BREAKDOWN

Type	Delegates	Alter-nates	Date of Selection	Selecting Body
				Filing Requirements and Deadlines
District-Level	67	11	June 4, 1996	Statewide Primary
				Petition, filing deadline April 11, 1996
Unpledged PLEO Delegates	14	n/a	n/a	Automatic
Unpledged Add-on Delegates	2	n/a	June 15, 1996	State Convention
				Filing Deadline June 14, 1996
Pledged Party Ldrs & Elected Officials (PLEOs)	14	n/a	June 15, 1996	State Convention
				Filing Deadline June 14, 1996
At-Large	23	6	June 15, 1996	State Convention
				Filing Deadline June 14, 1996
TOTAL	120	17		

If the New Jersey Legislature changes the primary date, most of the dates set forth in this plan will be changed.

ATTACHMENT III:**TIMETABLE**

Date	Activity
1995	
February 6	Delegate Selection Affirmative Action Committee members are appointed by the State Chair.
February 28	Affirmative Action Committee meets to review proposed Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action plans.
March 13	Proposed Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Plans are finalized by State Committee.
March 14	Public comments solicited on proposed Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Plans. Press releases mailed.
April 11	North Jersey public hearing at the UAW Headquarters (14 Commerce Drive, 3rd Floor (Aud.), Cranford, NJ) to solicit public comment on the Plans. Public notice for hearing given and news releases mailed out in advance.
April 18	South Jersey public hearing at the Camden County College (Cim Center, College Drive, Blackwood, NJ) to solicit public comment on the Plans. Public notice for hearing given and news releases mailed out in advance.
April 19	Period for public comment on state plan is completed. Responses are compiled for review by the State Committee.
April 24	State Committee reviews public comments and adopts revised Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Plans. Press releases mailed.
April 28	Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Plans are forwarded to the Rules and Bylaws Committee.
September 15	Implementation of Affirmative Action Plan begins. Press kits are sent to all state media.
1996	
January 15	Presidential candidate petitions and delegate and alternate statements of candidacy, and pledge of support forms are available from the Secretary of State and State Committee.
March 5	Presidential candidate filing deadline to certify their authorized representative(s) to the State Committee.
March 18	District-level delegate and alternate deadline for filing statement of candidacy and pledge of support forms with State Committee.
March 28	Presidential candidate approval deadline for district-level delegate and alternate candidates.
April 11	Presidential candidate and district-level delegate and alternate deadline for filing petition of candidacy with the Secretary of State.

Date	Activity
June 4	Presidential preference primary.
June 7	Secretary of State certifies results of primary; pre-slated district-level delegates and alternates are allocated according to presidential preference.
June 10	Pledged PLEO and at-large delegate or alternate candidate deadline for filing a statement of candidacy and pledge of support forms with State Party Committee.
June 14	Presidential candidate approval deadline for pledged PLEO and at-large delegate and alternate candidates.
June 15	State Convention convenes. Unpledged add-ons and pledged PLEO delegates selected.
June 15	State Convention selects at-large delegates and alternates. National Convention Delegates select National Convention Standing Committee Members and Delegation Chair. State Chair names Convention Pages.
June 16	State Democratic Chair shall certify each level of delegates, standing committee members, delegation chair, and pages.

ATTACHMENT IV:
DEMOGRAPHIC GOALS

Based on information made available from sources cited (*) below, we have determined the following to be a fair representation of minority registration of within the New Jersey Democratic Party.**

1990 Total Population:	7,730,188
Non-Hispanic Black:	984,845
Voting Age Population:	698,130
Hispanic:	739,861
Voting Age Population:	517,302
1993 Total Registered Democrats:	1,109,008

According to the 1990 Census, the Non-Hispanic Black population in New Jersey is 984,844 and the voting age population is 698,130. Comparing predominately White and predominately Black districts to determine the rate of registration of the voting age population, it was determined that approximately 50 percent of the 698,130 Blacks of voting age are registered or 349,000. We estimate that approximately 89 percent of registered Black voters are Democrats or 310,600. In 1993 the total number of registered voters in the State was 3.852 million and the combined Democratic performance in the 1988 and 1992 presidential elections was 49 percent or 1.89 million. Therefore, Blacks make-up approximately 16.4 percent of the total registered Democrats. This translates to 20 delegates and 3 alternates.

This same formula was used for Hispanic voters. The Hispanic population is 739,861 and the voting age population is 517,302. We estimated that 40 percent of Hispanics are registered to vote (206,920), and that approximately 70 percent of Hispanics are Democrats. Therefore, Hispanics make up approximately 7.6 percent of the total registered Democrats. This translates to 7 delegates and 1 alternate. 84,285

In reviewing 1990 Census data, the following percentages represent the number of Native American and Asian/Pacific Americans in New Jersey: Native Americans (American Indian, Eskimo, Aleut) - 14,970 or .002 percent; Asian and Pacific Islander - 272,521 or .035 percent. The New Jersey Democratic State Committee feels that these percentages are too small to warrant a representation goal, full participation will be encouraged.

*1990, 1993, 1995 Census; 1991, 1993 New Jersey Legislative Data Book; New Jersey State Library; National Committee for an Effective Congress (NCEC)

**All numbers are subject to change due to updates in available numbers.